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EDUCATION TRUST

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Sixth Form Prospectus

Partners in Sixth Form Success

Beaumont School Sandringham School Verulam School

BSV Education Trust Agreement

Beaumont, Sandringham and Verulam Schools believe that, by working together in an Education Trust, we are able to provide a broader education, make a greater contribution to our community and provide more opportunities for staff and students to reach their potential than would be the case in an individual school.

We are thus committed to developing the Education Trust and in doing so we will ensure that

- Every 16-19 student across our three schools has equal access to high-quality learning; enabling them to progress successfully to the next stage of education or employment
- There is consistency in the delivery of high quality teaching and learning, guidance and support
- There is a robust and rigorous assessment and reporting system for tracking student progress
- We continue to develop and offer a broad, relevant and challenging curriculum
- We are proactive in pursuing, developing and leading innovative practice in collaboration

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Become a Partner in Success at BeauSandVer

Deciding what courses to take and where to study can be difficult. We hope this guide will help you to understand why choosing to join BeauSandVer is right for you. We offer:

- Challenge for all students
- High academic standards
- Innovation in how we learn
- Intelligent use of ICT
- A staff dedicated to learning
- Support and guidance in study skills
- A wide range of subjects and courses giving maximum choice
- Free transport between sites at break and lunch times
- Outstanding pastoral support and careers guidance
- Excellent relationships between students and staff
- Excellent learning, drama, music & sport facilities
- A warm and welcoming community dedicated to learning
- Specialists in languages, the arts, maths, science, and technology
- The strengths of three schools in one consortium
- A world class education

Higher Education

Across the three schools we have a proven track record of sending our students to study an incredible range of subjects at all of the top universities in the UK including Oxford and Cambridge, as well as going abroad for their Higher Education.

Sixth Form Life

- **Sixth Form Induction** – A really helpful introduction to the BeauSandVer Education Trust which allows students to sample Sixth Form life, visit all three sites, and experience the subjects they have chosen.
- **Supported Enrolment** – Students meet the Head of Sixth and their Form Tutors in September to confirm subject choices and agree timetables including tutorials and non-examination options.
- **Sixth Form Teaching and Learning** – Students benefit from expert teaching. All Sixth Form teaching emphasises higher order skills of analysis, synthesis and originality.
- **Independent Study** – Students enjoy the opportunities to investigate topics in depth through wider reading whilst learning to work on their own.
- **Form Tutors and Tutorials** – All students receive dedicated support from a specialist Sixth Form Tutor who is there to provide academic and pastoral support and to advise on everything from study skills to university application.
- **Sixth Form Council / Committee** – Students have a representative body which contributes to Sixth Form success, engaging in dialogue with staff and organising their own social and charity events.
- **Leadership Opportunities** – All Sixth Form students are given the opportunity to take on leadership roles within the schools through which they develop vital life skills in communication, organisation and leadership.
- **Careers Advice and UCAS Preparation** – Students benefit from detailed careers advice and assistance on university and degree course choice from expert staff.
- **Assessment and Reporting** – There are reports each term including details of achievement, effort and targets for improvement.
- **Study Skills** – All teachers provide advice on how to study effectively within their courses.
- **Enrichment** – Whether it's sport, writing a magazine, engineering competitions or debating there are opportunities for everyone at BeauSandVer.
- **Sport** – We offer first rate competitive team sports or sport for exercise and fun, including: football, netball, rugby, hockey, athletics, basketball and swimming.

- **Lectures, Speakers, Discussion Forums & Debates** – All students have access to a calendar of activities organised throughout the year.
- **Music** – A full range of orchestras, choirs, groups and bands perform music ranging from classical to jazz and contemporary to the very highest standard. Specialist tuition is also available.
- **Drama** – Frequent productions of plays and musicals are open to all.
- **Young Enterprise** – Entrepreneurs form companies, design and sell products to the consumer. They raise funds and work with local business mentors.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** – Comprising of service, skills, physical recreation and expeditions in the UK and abroad.
- **Expeditions, Visits and Field Trips** – are vital in many subjects.

Sixth Form Subjects Proposed:

Beaumont	Sandringham	Verulam
Art & Design	Applied Science (Level 3)	Art
Art - Photography	Art - Fine Art	Art - Photography
Biology	Art - Photography	Biology
Business BTEC (Level 3)	Art - Textiles	Business BTEC (Level 3)
Chemistry	Biology	Chemistry
Computer Science	Business	Product Design
Drama	Business BTEC (Level 3)	Economics
Economics	Chemistry	English Literature
Business Economics	Computer Science	Geography
English Literature	Dance	History
French	Product Design	Maths
Geography	Drama	Further Maths
German	Economics	Media BTEC (Level 3)
History	English Language	Physics
ICT	English Literature	Psychology
Maths	French	RE/Philosophy & Ethics
Further Maths	Geography	Sociology
Media Studies	History	Sport BTEC (Level 3)
Music	Maths	
PE	Further Maths	
Physics	Media Studies	
Politics	Music	
Psychology	Music Technology	
RE/Philosophy & Ethics	PE	
Sociology	Physics	
Spanish	Politics	
Sport CTEC (Level 3)	Psychology	
	RE/Philosophy & Ethics	
	Sociology	
	Spanish	
	Sport CTEC (Level 3)	

Additional Learning:

The following subjects are worth the equivalent of an AS Level and can be taken in addition to three subjects from the list above.

EPQ	EPQ	EPQ
Financial Studies	Financial Studies	Financial Studies
	Mathematical Studies	Mathematical Studies

Post 16 Pathways

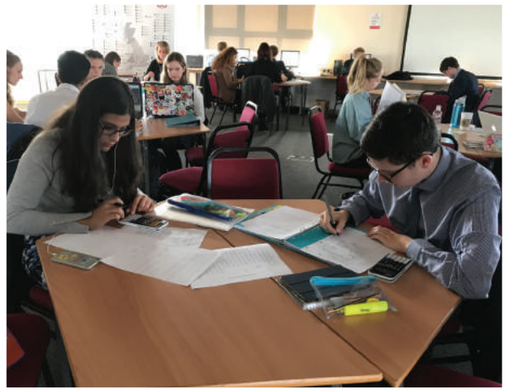
Curriculum Pathway	Average GCSE Points	Length of course	Course	Future Choices
Pathway 1	APS 6+	2 Years	3 A Levels Some may decide to study 4 A Levels.	University, Employment or Degree Apprenticeships
Pathway 2	APS 5-5.9	2 Years	3 A Levels	University, Employment or Degree Apprenticeships
Pathway 3	APS 4-4.9	2 Years	Vocational Blend Choose the equivalent of three subjects of which at least one is a vocational qualification e.g. a BTEC	University, Employment or Degree Apprenticeships

Additional Learning

In addition to the three subjects studied as part of the pathways above, students can study for qualifications in Financial Studies, EPQ and Mathematical Studies, all worth an AS Level. There is also a wide range of extra-curricular options including: Duke of Edinburgh Award, Young Enterprise, expeditions, field trips, community service, peer education, drama, music and sport.

Course Details

A Level Courses



Across the BSV Education Trust we offer you a very diverse range of A Level courses, which are organised into option blocks across the week. If you cannot study all your A levels in your own school, don't worry, you will almost certainly be able to study them across BeauSandVer.

BTEC and CTEC National Level 3 Courses

These courses are especially suitable for those students who prefer more vocational, practical subjects. These courses are, therefore, better for those students who prefer to be assessed on how they are performing throughout the whole two years of the course. However, the new BTEC qualifications have elements that are assessed externally through an examination. Assessment is through coursework, including practicals and externally assessed tasks. Students are able to achieve the equivalent of one A Level pass at A* to E if they choose this option.

Facilities

BeauSandVer students enjoy excellent facilities across the three schools, including purpose built centres offering excellent study areas. Each school has a dedicated sixth form cafe area.

General Entry Requirements

Year 12

Our three schools, being comprehensive, admit a wide ability range to their Sixth Forms.

Our entry requirements can be found below and further details are available from **www.beausandver.org.uk.** However, in general terms, we require applicants to have at least a 6 in the subjects you wish to study, (or their closest GCSE equivalent), **and** to have achieved a **minimum average point score of 4. If you wish to study separate sciences at A Level you must achieve an APS of 6+.**

How to Calculate Entry Thresholds:

Our entry thresholds are expressed in terms of average points score at GCSE.
To work this out, add together all the points for your grades, (remember that Double Science counts as two subjects), on the basis of:

For subjects graded 9-1:

Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Then divide by the number of subjects. Short course (half) GCSEs should be included but with half the number of points e.g. grade 6 on a short course is worth 3 points. You may include up to two BTEC subjects where a pass is equivalent to a 4, a merit a 5.5 and a distinction a 7. Each BTEC counts as one GCSE.

Please note that we expect a minimum of 8 GCSEs (or equivalent) to be used in this calculation. To find your APS where fewer qualifications have been sat the total point score should be divided by 8.

On your application, you need to do this calculation using your target grades and the grades you have achieved in Year 11 mock exams in order to help you begin to decide the right level of course.

Example:

Your target grades are: Eng. Lang 8, Eng. Lit 7, Maths 9, Chemistry 7, Physics 7, Biology 7, Art 7, French 7, PE 7, & History 9.
The total points for the ten subjects are (8+7+9+7+7+7+7+7+7+9) = 75.

Your average GCSE points score is 7.5 points and therefore you would be eligible for entry to Pathway 1 (the 3 A Level courses including separate science A Levels if you wish).

For **all** subjects, when making your selections please read the entry requirements relating to that subject very carefully. These can be found at www.beausandver.org.uk.

NB: The pathways and grade thresholds which follow relate to entry into Year 12 and have been agreed within the BSV Education Trust as a fair and common basis for advice to our students. They are based on the study of several years of results in our schools and are designed to be inclusive and optimistic. They offer guidance for the appropriate pathway but are not guarantees of success.

Points to consider when choosing courses

Enjoyment - Look at your level of interest in each subject: will it carry you through the length of the course?

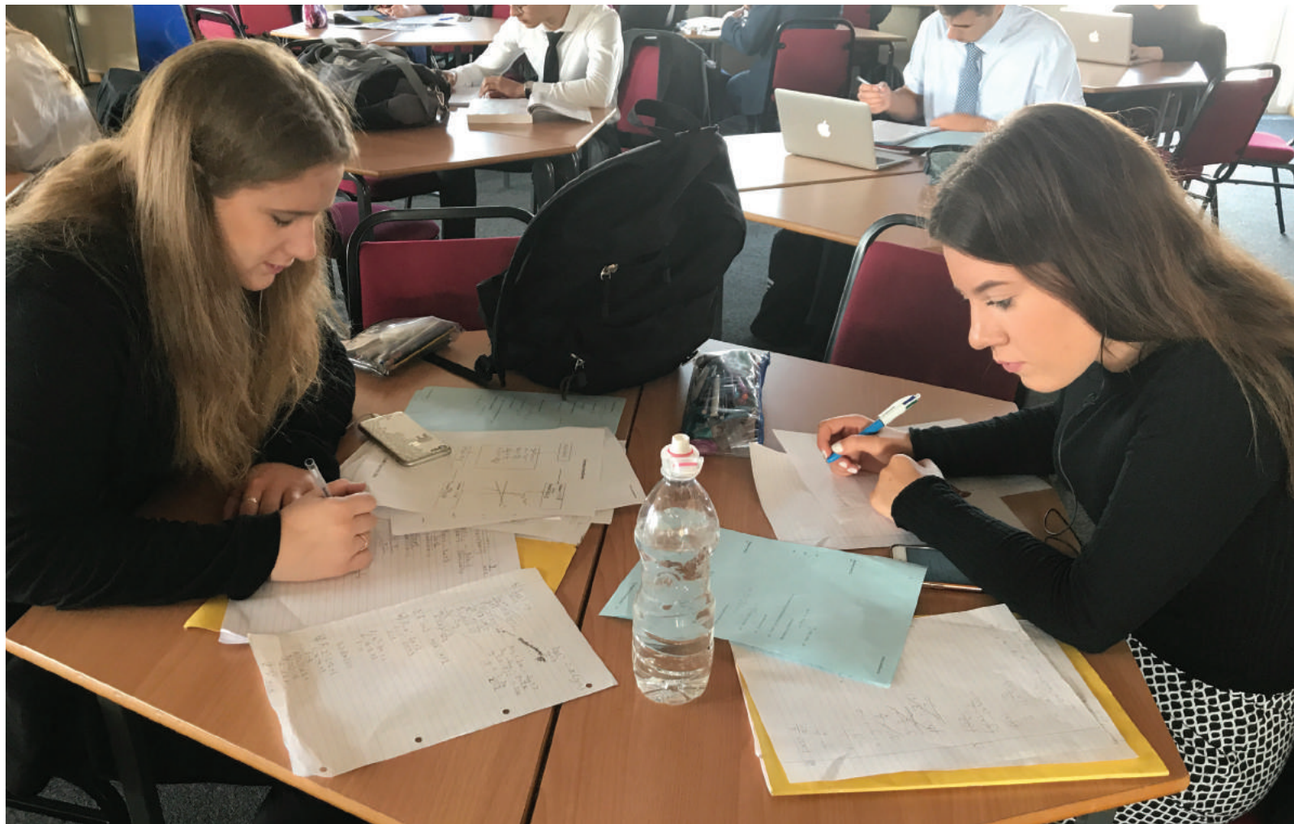
Breadth - Are you choosing a mix of subjects that is so specialised that it leads in only one direction? If you are not yet certain of your career direction, it would be sensible to keep as many options open as possible.

Ability - Do you have the ability in the subject? Think how you have performed over the last two years, think about your predicted grades and ask the advice of your subject teachers: do they believe you can manage the more advanced work?

Further study - If you are planning to go on to Higher Education, check the subject requirements, e.g. Medicine requires Chemistry and Engineering requires Maths.

Career - If you know your career direction, check out what you will need; but be aware that you may change your mind later.

University destinations of BSV Education Trust students - Each year, students from our three schools successfully apply for Oxford, Cambridge and many other universities included in the Russell Group. Students consistently secure places onto the most competitive courses in a very wide range of universities.



The Application Process

- Download and read the course descriptors from the BeauSandVer website or from the individual school websites

  www.beausandver.org.uk
  www.beaumontschool.com
  www.sandringham.herts.sch.uk
  www.verulamschool.co.uk

- Attend the appropriate information evenings – speak to the teaching staff and students about your choices.
- Ask for advice from Heads of Subject and Heads of Sixth.
- Attend guidance meetings with a member of the school's senior staff.
- Choose one of the three schools to be your home school and complete the application form. You only apply to one school even if your subject choices mean that you will attend courses across the Trust. Your chosen home school will manage your application.
- Check that your application form is filled in correctly and that it is signed by you and by one of your parents/carers.
- Return your completed application form to your chosen home school no later than Friday 8th February 2019.

Timeline

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday 10th January 2019	Into the Sixth Evening at Sandringham School	Sandringham 6.30pm
Tuesday 15th January 2019	Into the Sixth Evening at Verulam School	Verulam 7pm
Thursday 17th January 2019	Into the Sixth Evening at Beaumont School	Beaumont 6pm
Tuesday 22nd January 2019	Open Morning Tours for external students at Verulam	Verulam Sixth Form 01727 754 122
Wednesday 28th January & Monday 4th February 2019	Open Morning Tours for external students at Sandringham	Sandringham Sixth Form 01727 799 560 x232
Tuesday 29th January 2019	Open Morning Tours for external students at Beaumont	Beaumont Sixth Form 01727 732 962
Friday 8th February 2019	Deadline for Sixth Form applications to BeauSandVer	All schools
May - June 2019	GCSE Examinations	All schools
25th - 26th June 2019	Sixth Form Induction Days	All schools
Thursday 22nd August 2019	GCSE Results	All schools
Tuesday 27th August 2019	10am Deadline for Course Confirmation forms	All schools
Tuesday 3rd September 2019	Enrolment	All schools

The BeauSandVer A2 Results 2018

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries
Art: Fine and Graphics	2	1	8	7	1	0	0	19
Art: Photography	0	5	6	5	0	0	0	16
Art: Textiles	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	7
Biology	7	14	15	20	12	6	1	75
Business Studies	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	9
Chemistry	10	5	25	11	7	6	0	64
Computing	1	1	5	4	2	1	0	14
Dance	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
D&T Food Technology	2	2	8	3	0	0	0	15
D&T Product Design	3	3	4	3	1	0	0	14
Drama	2	6	9	4	0	1	0	22
Economics	7	20	26	11	3	1	1	69
Economics & Business	0	7	6	3	2	0	0	18
English Language & Literature	0	0	2	4	3	1	0	10
English Literature	12	13	26	12	1	2	0	66
French	0	5	5	3	1	1	0	15
Geography	2	22	28	21	10	0	0	83
German	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	7
Government & Politics	1	7	8	4	0	0	0	20
History	13	24	27	19	5	0	0	88
Mathematics	27	35	43	22	18	4	0	149
Mathematics: Further	6	6	6	1	1	1	0	21
Media Studies	0	5	18	11	2	0	0	36
Music	1	4	5	1	0	1	0	12
Music Technology	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	6
PE	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	8
Philosophy and Ethics	3	4	10	9	5	2	0	33
Physics	6	12	13	8	6	3	2	50
Psychology	4	16	21	19	6	3	0	69
Sociology	3	11	30	22	7	2	0	75
Spanish	0	1	5	4	2	1	0	13
TOTAL	115	234	372	250	103	37	4	1139

	D*	D	M	P	Total
BTEC Business	2	16	14	5	37
CTEC/BTEC Sport	11	15	5	1	32
Information Technology (ICT)	2	5	0	1	8
Financial Studies Diploma	7	11	4	0	22
TOTAL	22	47	23	7	99

Summary of BSV Results	BSV (%)	National (%)
A* - B	65.1	53
A*	9.5	8
A* - E	99.7	97.6

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